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EXDIS FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM MCMANAWAY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) OGEN

SUBJECT: FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

1. GELB STORY: NO REPEAT NO QUESTIONS ON THE GELB STORY
AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING.

2. HIJACKING POST MORTEM: DOUG HECK IS PROCEEDING WITH
THE POST MORTEM ON THE HIJACKING AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF
FORMULATING A SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR YOU AND BRENT.
MCLUCAS HAD A SESSION ON THE 14TH WHICH HECK AND PIECZENIK
ATTENDED, AND BOTH WERE IN NEW YORK THE NEXT DAY FOR TALKS
WITH TWA, FBI, AND THE NEW YORK POLICE. WE ARE HAVING A
PRIVATE SESSION WITH THE FBI ON MONDAY, AND A LARGER
FINAL POST MORTEM WRAP-UP WITH THE FBI, FAA, AND CIA NEXT
THURSDAY, AFTER WHICH WE SHOULD BE READY FOR A MEETING
WITH BRENT. THE INCIDENT HAS TAUGHT US A GREAT DEAL RE
BUREAUCRATIC CRISIS MANAGEMENT WHEN POTENTIALLY CONFLICTING
DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND JURISDICTIONS
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ARE INVOLVED. DOUG AND STEVE HAVE DRAWN SOME PRELIMINARY

CONCLUSIONS, BUT I PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL THEY TAKE BETTER SHAPE NEXT WEEK BEFORE RAISING THEM WITH YOU. I DON'T THINK MANY OF THEM WILL SURPRISE YOU IN LIGHT OF YOUR OWN DIRECT INVOLVEMENT DURING THE INCIDENT. WE ARE KEEPING BRENT INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS.

3. PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES (PMI): RECEIVED OMB COMMENTS ON OUR SUBMISSION ON PMI TODAY WHEREIN OUR RESPONSE IS CHARACTERIZED AS EXCELLENT. IN ADDITION, THE COMMENTS ON A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS OF OUR REPORT STATED THAT THEY WERE THE BEST OF ANY DEPARTMENT'S SUBMISSION TO DATE.

- OUR FIRST MONTHLY REPORT IS DUE 21 SEPTEMBER. I SEE NO PROBLEM IN MEETING THAT DEADLINE. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER CABINET MEETING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. I HAVE ALERTED ROBINSON'S OFFICE IN CASE THE SECRETARY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

4. OMB HEARINGS: BUDGET HEARINGS WITH OMB BEGAN TODAY. THE FIRST ITEM WAS TDIS. IN ANTICIPATION OF OMB CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR MORE STRINGENT REVIEW OF THE DECISION FOR THE NEW ADP SYSTEM AND CONSIDERING THE SENSITIVITIES ON THIS WITH PPT, I SPOKE WITH OGILVIE TODAY TO TELL HIM THAT WE HAVE YET TO WORK OUT HOW WE PLAN TO ARRANGE FOR MORE REVIEWS. HE UNDERSTANDS, AND I THINK WE WILL AVOID PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM DURING THE HEARINGS. I DID ASSURE HIM, HOWEVER, THAT YOU AND I WERE GOING TO WORK THIS OUT UPON YOUR RETURN.

- WE WILL BE ATTENDING THESE HEARINGS ALONG WITH A/BF AND THE CONCERNED BUREAU. I HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT IN THIS ROLE, WE WILL BE AGGRESSIVELY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SUBMISSIONS. (APPARENTLY, THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE IN THE PAST.)

- AS YOU KNOW, OMB WILL WANT TO MEET WITH YOU ON THE BUDGET. THEY HAVE SUGGESTED EITHER OCTOBER 7 OR 8, WITH A PREFERENCE FOR THE SEVENTH. WE CAN DECIDE THIS LATER, BUT IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE AND WANT TO LET ME KNOW, FINE

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5. FORWARD PLANNING: MET WITH M/MO STAFF TODAY TO DISCUSS PLANS AND PRIORITY WORK PROJECTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. I WILL HAVE A PACKAGE TO REVIEW WITH YOU ONCE YOU HAVE RETURNED AND FULLY RECOVERED FROM YOUR CURRENT ADVENTURES.

6. FROM GALLOWAY: NOMINATION PAPERS ON LAINGEN FOR MALTA HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

7. HOME BASE: EVERYTHING FINE AT HOME.

8. OTHER: I FINALLY HAD A CHANCE TO SIT DOWN TODAY, AND
GUESS WHAT? I BROKE YOUR CHAIR.

9. CHEERS; ROBINSON

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